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1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An article having on at least a portion of its surface a multi-layer coating comprising:
the surface, and the surface is one of a faucet surface and a door knob surface;
a layer comprised of polymer on said surface of said article; and
a color and protective layer comprised of refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound on said layer comprised of polymer.
2. (ORIGINAL) The article of claim 1 wherein said refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound is selected from the group consisting of nitrides, carbides, oxides and carbonitrides.
3. (ORIGINAL) The article of claim 2 wherein said refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound is a refractory metal nitride or refractory metal alloy nitride.
4. (ORIGINAL) The article of claim 1 wherein a layer comprised of refractory metal or refractory metal alloy is on said layer comprised of polymer.
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5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The article of claim 1 wherein a layer comprised of refractory metal oxide or refractory metal alloy oxide is on said color and protective layer comprised of refractory metal compound or refractory metal ally compound.
6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The article of claim 4 wherein a layer comprised of refractory metal oxide or refractory metal ally oxide is on said color and protective layer comprised of refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound.
7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The articlce of claim 4 wherein a layer comprised of the reaction products of (i) refractory metal or refractory metal alloy, (ii) oxygen and (iii) nitrogen is on said color and protective layer comprised of refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound.

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8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The article of claim 2-1 wherein a color and protective layer comprised of the reaction products of (i) refractory metal or refractory metal alloy, (ii) oxygen and (iii) nitrogen is on said layer comprised of refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound.

9. (ORIGINAL) The article of claim 1 wherein said layer comprised of polymer is comprised of epoxy urethane.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The article of claim 1 wherein said refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound is selected from the group consisting of nitrides and carbonitrides.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The article of claim 10 wherein a layer comprised of refractory metal or refractory metal alloy is on said layer comprised of polymer.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The article of claim 10 wherein a layer comprised of refractory metal oxide or refractory metal alloy oxide is on said color and protective layer comprised of refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The article of claim 11 wherein a layer comprised of refractory metal oxide or refractory metal alloy oxide is on said color and protective layer comprised of refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The article of claim 10 wherein a layer comprised of reaction products of (i) refractory metal or refractory metal alloy, (ii) oxygen and (iii) nitrogen is on said color and protective layer comprised of refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound.

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15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The article of claim 11 wherein a layer comprised of reaction products of (i) refractory metal or refractory metal alloy, (ii) oxygen and (iii) nitrogen is on said color and protective layer comprised of refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound.

16. (NEW) The article of claim 1 wherein said color and protective layer comprised of refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound provides one of a gold color, a brass color, and a nickel color.

17. (NEW) The article of claim 1 wherein said color and protective layer comprised of refractory metal compounds or refractory metal alloy compound provides a nickel color.

18. (NEW) The article of claim 1 wherein the surface is the faucet surface.

19. (NEW) The article of claim 1 wherein the surface is the door knob surface.